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MINUTES OF THE 62D ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

GOOSA RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

The Childersburg Baptist Church, Childersburg, Ala.,
September 11, 12 and 13,

1895.

OFFICERS:

THOS. HENDERSON, MODERATOR, Childersburg, Ala.
LEALIS LAW, CLERK, Cropwell, Ala.
JAS. L. WILKES, ASSISTANT CLERK, Sylacauga, Ala.
J. F. POPE, TREASURER, Wilsonville, Ala.

The next session of this body will be held with the Cropwell Baptist Church,
Cropwell, Ala., commencing on Wednesday before the
third Sabbath in September, 1896.

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CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. This Association shall be known by the name of Coosa River Baptist Association.

ART. II. It shall be composed of well-accredited messengers, appointed by regular Baptist churches which are united in this union.

ART. III. Its meetings shall be annual.

ART. IV. Its officers shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be elected, by ballot or otherwise, at each session, and hold office till their successors are declared duly elected. Provided, that the non-election of the Treasurer shall not interfere with organization.

ART. V. The Association cannot rule, but may advise the churches. But it has a full right to reject the messengers of any church not in order in faith or practice.

ART. VI. Petitions for membership must be by letter and one or more messengers, and the Association in each case is to judge on the question of reception.

ART. VII. Each church of fifty members or less shall have three messengers, and one messenger for each fifty or fractional number over fifty.

ART. VIII. This association is in full sympathy with the spirit and ready to correspond and co-operate with all regular Missionary Baptist organizations for the spread of the gospel and the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom on earth; but a difference of opinion on these matters shall not necessarily involve the question of fellowship.

ART. IX. Churches composing this body will be expected to contribute to and sustain a contingent fund, which shall be deposited by the messengers, at each annual meeting, with the Finance Committee; and other contributions for benevolent purposes will be earnestly sought and fostered by the Association.

ART. X. This Association shall take cognizance of no query sent up from the churches unless they have endeavored to solve the same and have failed; nor of any difficulty between churches unless they have pursued the directions contained in the 18th chapter of Matthew, and have not been able to settle it; then the Association shall take such matter into consideration and act upon it at its discretion.

ART. XI. This Constitution, or any article, may be amended or abolished, at a regular meeting, on the concurrence of a vote, by standing, of two-thirds of the messengers present; provided, that such intended change is announced by the Moderator at least six hours before the action is taken.

RULES OF DECORUM.

RULE 1. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

RULE 2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrages of the members present.

RULE 3. The names of the members shall be called each day before proceeding to business, and no member shall absent himself from the Association unless he have leave or be sick and unable to attend.

RULE 4. Visiting ministering brethren present shall be invited to seats in the Association.

RULE 5. The Moderator shall preside over the Association, preserve order, and appoint all committees with the sanction of the Association.

RULE 6. The Moderator may speak in debate on any question, appointing some other member to fill the chair temporarily, but shall not vote except in the case of a tie.

RULE 7. The Moderator shall decide all questions of order, subject to the appeal to the Association by any two members.

RULE 8. Every member when speaking shall rise from his seat, respectfully address the Moderator, confine himself to the question before the body, and avoid personalities.

RULE 9. A motion made must be seconded and stated by the Moderator before debating; and every motion shall be reduced to writing if the Moderator or any member desire it.

RULE 10. When a motion is stated by the Moderator it is in possession of the Association, but may be withdrawn by the mover at any time before a decision or amendment.

RULE 11. When a question is under debate no motion shall be received except to lay on the table, postpone indefinitely, commit or amend; which said motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are stated. But a motion to adjourn is always in order except when a member is speaking or the body engaged in voting.

RULE 12. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, the Rules of Decorum, the reception or exclusion of churches, shall be decided by a majority of the votes; in the excepted cases two-thirds are required.

RULE 13. Filling blanks with particular numbers, the question shall first be taken on the highest number and longest time.

RULE 14. When a motion has once been decided a member voting with the majority may move for reconsideration on any day during the session.

RULE 15. No speaker shall be interrupted unless he be out of order, and no member shall speak more than twice on the same proposition without leave of the Association.

RULE 16. No practice shall be allowed which has a tendency to interrupt speaking or the business of the Association.

RULE 17. The appellation of "brother" shall be used by members in their addresses one to another.

RULE 18. The Clerk shall read these rules at the opening of every session of the Association.

RULE 19. Any member violating these rules shall be reproved by the Moderator.

PROGRAMME OF BUSINESS.

FIRST DAY.—1. Devotional exercises.

2. Elect officers—Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.
3. Read Rules of Decorum.
4. Invite churches to unite with our Association.
5. Invite visiting brethren to seats.
6. Call for correspondence from Associations.
7. Appoint Committee on Preaching.
8. Appoint committee to pro rate among the churches amount asked for by State Mission Board for all objects.
9. Appoint committee to nominate the time and place of next meeting, principal and alternate to preach next Introductory and Missionary Sermons.
10. Report on Periodicals and Literature.
11. Report on Temperance.
12. Report on Sabbath-schools.
13. Fix hours to meet and adjourn.
14. Miscellaneous business. 15. Adjourn.

SECOND DAY.—16. Devotional exercises.

17. Read minutes and call roll of messengers.
18. Miscellaneous business.
19. Report on State Missions.
20. Report on Home Missions.
21. Report on Foreign Missions.
22. Report of Committee on Colportage and Bible Work.
23. Report on Baptist Orphanage.
24. Report on Ministerial Education.
25. Report on Denominational Education.
26. Miscellaneous business. 27. Adjourn.

THIRD DAY.—28. Devotional exercises.

29. Read minutes and call roll of messengers.
30. Miscellaneous business.
31. Report of Committee to pro rate Contributions of Churches.
32. Report of Committee on Evangelization of Colored People.
33. Report of Committee on Woman's Work.
34. Report of Board of Trustees Indigent Ministers' Fund.
35. Report of Executive Committee of Association.
36. Elect Executive Committee of Association.
37. Elect Board of Trustees Indigent Ministers' Fund.
38. Return correspondence to Associations: Shelby, Cahaba Valley, Boiling Springs, Carey, Canaan, Central, Tallahatchie, Ten Islands, Unity and Calhoun.
39. Appoint delegates to Baptist State Convention (ten).
40. Appoint delegate to Southern Baptist Convention (one).
41. Report of Committee on Finance.
42. Report of Treasurer to Association.
43. Call for report of Committee on Nominations.
44. Order Clerk's salary paid and minutes printed.
45. Appoint committees to report at next session: On State Missions, Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Ministerial Education, Denominational Education, Temperance, Sabbath-schools, Colportage and Bible Work, Evangelization of the Colored People, Periodicals and Literature, Woman's Work and Orphanage.
46. Miscellaneous business.
47. Read minutes of this day's session. 48. Adjourn.

MINUTES.

CHILDERSBURG, ALA., September 11, A. D. 1895.

Messengers to compose the sixty-second annual session of the Coosa River Baptist Association met with the Childersburg Baptist church, 11 A. M. The Moderator, Elder W. Wilkes, having died since the last meeting of the body, the Clerk, Lealis Law, called the Association to order, reading the 91st Psalm. Prayer by Abner Williams of the Calhoun Association. The Introductory Sermon was postponed to 7:30 P. M.

Messengers' names enrolled :

FIRST DISTRICT.

ANTIOCH—E. A. Aderholdt.

MUNFORD—M. H. Hansard, A. Hudgins.

IRONATON—No report.

SALEM—J. J. Tant, J. M. Haynes, Jno. F. Haynes, A. A. Hutto.

REFUGE—W. M. Hall.

BLUE EYE—L. M. Madden, M. D. Beavers.

LINCOLN—Wm. Davis.

DRY VALLEY—J. W. McCain, J. B. Whitten.

PLEASANT GROVE—H. A. Stevens.

PROVIDENCE—J. D. Davis, John Burk.

TALLADEGA—J. A. French, John C. Williams, S. A. Austin, G. A.

Joiner, J. B. Graham.

EUREKA—B. F. Brothers.

SECOND DISTRICT.

RENFROE—F. G. Mullen.

HEPZIBAH—L. Merkl, A. Lawson, J. F. Andrews.

CARTERSVILLE—F. P. Lanier, J. H. McDonald.

ALPINE—S. W. Welch, J. F. Watson, S. C. Christie, W. R. Thompson, J. M. Hancock.

WINTERBORO—I. W. Rhodes, E. Freeman.

MOUNT IDA—J. M. Solley, L. A. Ward, M. Nelson.

TALLASAHATCHIE—J. E. H. Shackelford, George Gardner.

SYCAMORE—J. W. Davis, W. F. Burke.

ROCKY MOUNT—W. B. Grant.

MOUNT ZION (Sylacauga)—C. S. Johnson, G. S. Ham, Eli Horn, W.

H. Malone, J. L. Wilkes, L. T. Williams.

OAK GROVE—T. R. Morris, F. G. Heath, N. M. Jarvis.

THIRD DISTRICT.

FORT WILLIAMS (Fayetteville)—William Waters.

MOUNT SHARON—K. J. Thomas, James Coleman.

CHILDESBURG—Thomas Anderson, D. B. Oden, J. A. Butts, M. J. Cliett.

NEW HOPE—A. J. Worthy.

WILSONVILLE—J. F. Pope, J. H. Weldon, A. A. Daniel, J. W. Weldon.

HARPERSVILLE—E. V. Caldwell, J. F. McGraw, B. S. Rowe, T. G. Florey.

PROVIDENCE—No report.

SPRING CREEK—R. A. Kidd.

MACEDONIA—D. C. Davis, A. Mackey.

COOSA VALLEY—J. D. F. Ward, J. A. Collins.

CROPWELL—Lealis Law.

SEDDON—James D. Truss.

RIVERSIDE—John G. Dobbins.

The letters from the churches were read by Abner Williams and C. S. Johnson.

Official visitors:

W. B. Crumpton, Cor. Sec. State Board of Missions.

John W. Stewart, Supt. Orphans' Home.

W. S. Henderson, Representing So. Theol. Seminary.

S. W. Averett, President Judson Institute.

Correspondents:

J. G. Lowery, Unity Association.

A. S. Horn, Carey Association.

H. Tant, Central Association.

W. J. Ray, Birmingham Association.

Abner Williams, Calhoun Association.

H. Moss, Shelby Association.

Adjourned to 2 p. m.

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 11, 2 p. m.

Association called to order. Devotional exercises conducted by L. Law. Prayer by W. B. Crumpton.

The resignation of J. A. Powe, Treasurer, tendered by J. A. French, and accepted.

Election of officers by ballot, J. G. Lowery and Abner Williams acting as Tellers, resulted:

THOMAS HENDERSON, Moderator.

LEALIS LAW, Clerk.

J. F. POPE, Treasurer.

Programme of Business of last session adopted. By request of the clerk, J. L. Wilkes was elected Assistant Clerk.

Rules of Decorum read.

Special committees appointed:

ON PUBLIC WORSHIP—D. B. Oden, W. H. Malone, Jno. C. Williams.

PRO RATING—J. D. Truss, K. J. Thomas, G. S. Ham.

NOMINATIONS—J. A. French, Jno. A. Butts, J. R. Thompson.

ON MEMORIAL OF ELDER W. WILKES—C. S. Johnson, W. H. Malone, Eli Horn, to which committee the Moderator, Thomas Henderson, was added as chairman.

The Committee on Periodicals and Literature reported:

PERIODICALS AND LITERATURE.

The Christian denomination which is indifferent to the intellectual progress of its adherents is doomed to mediocrity, and the church whose membership esteems secular papers and literature more important than religious publications will never occupy the position it might rightfully attain, nor even the respect it might justly claim in the pursuit of a wiser course. It is a gross inconsistency and palpable contradiction if we who wear the precious name of Christians fill our homes with the so-called literature of the day and treat as unworthy of special consideration our Sunday-school series, or religious newspapers, and our denominational history.

Your Committee on Periodicals and Literature feels that it is charged with one of the most important interests connected with the Association; that intelligent apprehension of our doctrines and history lie at the foundation of all real progress; that failure practically to lay hold of this truth signifies willingness that others shall surpass us in all that might glorify us in the eyes of succeeding generations. We would therefore arouse our people to an abiding sense of their obligations to foster and maintain our denominational publications, and we specially commend to them the Sunday-school series of the Southern Baptist Convention, Riley's History of the Baptists of Alabama, recently issued, the Alabama Baptist, our State denominational organ, and the Mission Journal of the Southern Baptist Convention, recently provided for by the Home and Foreign Mission Boards.

We further recommend that all Sunday-school literature be ordered through J. B. Collier's Baptist Mission Rooms, Montgomery, Ala., in order that the profits may go into our Missionary fund in this State.

Respectfully submitted,
J. A. FRENCH, Chairman.
IRA W. RHODES.

Discussed by J. A. French, W. B. Crumpton, Thos. Henderson, J. W. Stewart, J. G. Lowery, W. S. Henderson, A. A. Hutto. Report adopted.

Committee on Temperance reported :

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

To present in detail the horrors of the great curse of the world, Intemperance, would exceed any reasonable limits to the report of your committee; hence we confine ourselves to a comparative exhibit and a few suggestions.

In the report of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue for 1887 are these statistics, which, albeit that statistics are usually regarded as very dry reading, contain some very interesting and suggestive items :

Christian Missions, Home and Foreign	\$ 5,500,000
Clergymen's salaries	12,000,000
Public Education	96,000,000
Boots and shoes	197,000,000
Cotton goods	210,000,000
Sawed lumber	233,000,000
Woolen goods	237,000,000
Iron and steel	296,000,000
Meat	303,000,000
Bread	505,000,000
Tobacco	600,000,000
Liquor	900,000,000

This makes the liquor bill of the United States very nearly equal to that of the meat, bread, Christian missions and public education combined, and but little less than the total for boots and shoes, cotton and woolen goods, iron and steel, all articles of prime necessity.

No wonder that a distinguished writer so tersely and truly said of intemperance: "It is a wasting consumption fastening upon the vitals of society; a benumbing palsy extending to the extremities of the body; a deep and rapid torrent bearing the wreck of nations in its course, and undermining rapidly the foundations of our own."

And could the secret history of our churches be recorded, how much of spiritual declension, how much of the robbery of God's treasury, how much of apathy, how much of inefficiency, how much of criminal worthlessness could be justly traced to the worship of this idol among God's professed people.

We present for your consideration and adoption the following resolutions:

1. No church should tolerate the use of liquor as a beverage by its members.—See 2 Thess. 3:6.
2. No church should tolerate the signing of a petition for a saloon by any of its members.—See 2 Cor. 6:14-17.
3. That this Association is opposed to all existing or contemplated license laws however modified, and is in favor of the unconditional prohibition of the manufacture, sale or use of ardent spirits.—See Rom. 12:9, 1st Thess. 5:21, 22.

LEALIS LAW, Chairman.

Discussed by W. B. Crumpton, Jno. C. Williams, J. A. Butts, G. A. Joiner, M. H. Hansard, L. T. Williams, S. W. Welch, Eli Horn, J. W. Davis. Report adopted.

Resolution offered by Jno. C. Williams:

Resolved, That all pastors in the bounds of the Association be furnished with copies of these resolutions in Temperance Report, and be requested to read them to their churches at the first succeeding service held in their churches, as the sense and recommendation of this Association.

JOHN C. WILLIAMS.

Adopted.

Agreed to meet at 9 A. M., adjourn at 12 M.; meet at 2 P. M., adjourn at will.

S. W. Averett addressed the body in the interest of Judson Institute.

Adjourned to 7:30 P. M.

WEDNESDAY, 7:30 P. M.

Body called to order. The Introductory Sermon was preached by C. S. Johnson. Text: Matt. 6:9-11.

Ordered that the Annual Missionary Sermon be preached by J. A. French, Thursday 11 A. M.; memorial service of Elder W. Wilkes be held Thursday 7:30 P. M.

Adjourned to 9 A. M., Thursday.

THURSDAY, 12th, 9 A. M.

Association called to order. Devotional exercises conducted by Moderator; Prayer by A. A. Hutto. The roll was called and verified. Minutes of previous day read and approved.

Resolution by J. D. Truss:

Resolved, That in the further proceedings of this body, speeches shall be limited to five minutes except by leave of the body.

J. D. TRUSS.

Adopted.

Committee on Sunday-schools reported:

REPORT ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

Your Committee being fully satisfied of the importance of Sabbath-schools, would urge their importance upon all our churches, for the following reasons:

1. Because of their relation to the church. The eyes of the

Christian world are now turned to the Sabbath-schools as a means of reaching the children with a view of teaching them the doctrines of Christianity, and as first impressions are generally most enduring and influential, we should feel it to be our imperative duty as servants of God to employ the most successful means to make these impressions upon the minds of the young, and to early win their hearts to Jesus.

2. Direct access in Sunday-school. We have direct and personal access to the children, thereby affording an opportunity to teach, to read, and to explain to the young minds the truths of the Scriptures.

3. Many among the young, middle, and even old age, are here taught to read not only the letter but the spirit of the Holy Scriptures, who otherwise through life, perhaps, would be deprived of so great a blessing.

4. The question is now fully decided, the children are to be taught. Christians of all denominations are looking to the children and youths of the present day as the hope of the future, and already from the Sabbath-schools hundreds and thousands are being brought into the churches of the day.

5. With these facts before us, how infinitely important it is for the great Baptist brotherhood to rise up in their united strength to disseminate the truths of the Gospel and cultivate the field for Jesus. Letters to the Association show that most of our churches report Sabbath-schools, while sad to say, a number have none.

Your Committee recommend that all of our churches organize Sabbath-schools and engage both old and young, as a church work.

We would further recommend, that all churches in the future make full reports of their Sabbath-schools separate and apart from their church letters, and direct the same to the Sabbath-school Committee.

Respectfully submitted,
S. A. AUSTIN, Chairman.

Discussed by G. A. Jener, Jno. C. Williams, A. A. Hutto, L. T. Williams, J. J. Butts, B. F. Brothers, G. S. Ham, J. W. Davis, W. B. Crumpton, and adopted.

Committee on State Missions reported:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Since the consolidation of the "State Mission Board," and the "Bible and Colportage Board" into the "Board of State Missions," the mission work in Alabama has been relieved of all friction as between the former, and there is—as there ought to be—harmony in Baptist efforts in the spreading of the gospel. Bibles and Testaments to the number of six hundred and seventeen have been sold, and eighty have been donated within the year ending July, 1895, by our colporteurs. Forty men have been employed as missionaries, and of these thirteen are colporteurs. About one thousand members have been received into the churches by baptism and by letter, as the results of the labors of these brethren, and forty-two restored. Forty-three Sunday-schools have been organized and one hundred and one prayer meetings. Twenty-three thousand five hundred and sixty-six pages of tracts have been distributed by these brethren. Two thousand three hundred and thirty-two sermons have been delivered, and one thousand one hundred and thirty-two ad-

resses. Without going further into details, the above showing is about the sum of the gospel work done by our Baptist missionaries within the State in the last year.

Missionary work is inseparably connected with all church labors. Every gospel force that is being exerted is a missionary force. The field is the world and all missionary effort begins at home and within our own borders. State Missions are the basis of Foreign Missions. As the Apostles were commanded to begin at Jerusalem, so are we to begin at our own door and proceed from this nucleus and widen and extend our efforts further until the whole world shall be embraced within the compass and reach of evangelical truth. Missionary work within the State must precede missionary work beyond the State. Our work abroad is grounded upon our work within the State—our work at home.

The significant fact that the field for Foreign Mission work has been so increased and widened by the opening of doors to heathen lands always heretofore closed to all efforts of Christian mission, and really the invitations coming from such sources and appealing to all Christian character, seemingly should stir to real activity all the qualification for the accomplishment of grand results by the more than one thousand Baptist ministers, and more than 100,000 Baptist members composing the basis of State Missions, and which is that power to which the State Missions must look for success, and when in the full realization of its duties at home amid home destitution and its demands, we become alive to our duties, and hence in meeting the responsibilities of things within our own observations, we are not only meeting duties in our field as State Missions demand, but are increasing capacities to accomplish the great demands that the foreign field presents to the Christian heart, for it has been truly said long ago, that State Mission is the foundation of all Foreign Missions. Then as indicated by the report of Dr. Crumpton, the contributions are being increased by the Alabama force as referred to, with God's blessings attending the efforts to accomplish what must of necessity be expected of that host in a goodly land at their homes. What may we expect of them in the regions beyond? Hence the connection between the two is so intimately blended, that the success of the one is the assurance of the other. Let State Missions be carried to the point of desired completion, and Foreign Missions will receive a corresponding impetus.

Respectfully submitted,

D. B. ODEN, Chairman.

Committee on Home Missions reported :

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Southern Baptist Convention organized in Augusta, Ga., on the 8th of May, 1845, for the "extension of the Messiah's kingdom and the glory of God," constituted two Boards, one for Foreign Missions and one for Home Missions. The field of the Home Mission Board is the whole South and the Island of Cuba. This Board has more than four hundred missionaries preaching the gospel to our own countrymen, our own "kith and kin." They are in our southern cities, towns, villages, and rural districts, preaching the word of life to the German, the Mexican, the Frenchman, the Chinaman, the Cuban, the Indian, the Negro and the American. Within the last three years these missionaries have organized more

than a thousand Sunday-schools and brought about 50,000 children into them. Under the able management of Dr. I. T. Tichenor, your committee thinks the Home Board is doing a wonderful work and advancing in every part of its field, as the following general statement will show:

The number of missionaries for the year ending in May last, 425, an increase of 44 over previous year and more than any other year in the Board's history. Baptized, 5921, an increase of 1451 over year before and 72 more than any other year. Cash receipts, \$88,640.20, larger by \$15,319.29 than any other year except the centennial. Board began the year with a debt of \$6,763.54; has paid on house of worship in New Orleans \$9,476.50, and for church buildings at other points \$2,386.62, a total of \$11,862.12. After paying missionaries April 1, its indebtedness was \$23,000; on the first of last May this debt was reduced to \$1,000.00 with a balance of \$109.06 in the treasury. Increase of missionaries for the year, 12%; of receipts, 20%; of baptisms 32%.

Through recommendations of Home Board four lines of work were presented to Woman's Missionary Union at the session at Dallas, Texas, May, 1894, as a basis of work for Home Missions, viz: 1. Monied contributions for frontier work. 2. Boxes to frontier missionaries. 3. Foreign populations and colored people. 4. S. S. Missionary Day. The wisdom and zeal of these cohelpers in all these lines of work have been of such a character as to challenge our highest admiration, and their substantial aid to the Board is esteemed beyond the limit of expression.

To the Home Board and all its laborers, we heartily say, "Well done, good and faithful servants."

While much has been accomplished for which we are glad, much more remains to be done in every line of this department's work. Thanking God for the past and taking courage for the future, let us stand to our Home Board, give it our prayerful sympathy and a liberal material support.

C. S. JOHNSON, Chairman.

Committee on Foreign Missions reported:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," given by the Master to his disciples, comes down to us with as much force and authority as it possessed 1800 years ago. The command was given to each of the disciples. It has been transmitted to every individual born into the kingdom of God since the days when the Master walked with men. In obedience to this command the Baptists have carried the gospel to every accessible country on the globe, and the progress made by our representatives in the different foreign fields is sufficient proof that God is owning and blessing the work. The means to push the work is the greatest difficulty those entrusted with it have to encounter.

But notwithstanding the unprecedented financial depression which has paralyzed business for the past two years, we reached the highest mark in our contributions last year in our history. \$100,000 was sent to the foreign field alone from the Southern Baptist Convention, about \$4000 of which came from Alabama.

Reference to the Treasurer's report to the Convention, affirmed by the Auditor, is interesting. It shows that 92 cents on every dol-

lar actually reached the missionaries, only eight cents being consumed in salaries, printing of tracts, postage and express charges, and all other expenses incident to the machinery of the Board.

The reports from our several stations show the work done to be faithful and aggressive. In Italy, the seat of Romanism, we have 15 stations, 355 members and 28 baptisms last year. In Brazil, another Catholic country, 10 stations, 135 baptisms, 610 members. We here also have a Baptist publishing concern which sent out last year 250,000 periodicals among the people. The Mexican mission under Bro. Powell is perhaps advancing more rapidly than any of our foreign work. I believe the mission is not yet ten years old and we have there 10 stations, 226 baptisms—1120.

The Pagan fields have long claimed the attention of the Board and its faithful colaborers, and the results from a human standpoint are least encouraging. In spite of the labors of Christian men and women from every denomination, the cry of Allah is Allah and Mahomet is his Phrophet, goes up from every hill top in the land. The luxuriant sensualism of Mahomedanism suits the eastern character. The moral sense of the people is hard to reach and the dense ignorance of the people has first to be dispelled.

In Japan, the most enlightened of these countries, the question of treaty mission has been a disturbing factor. This culminated last year in a fierce war upon all foreigners, which came near driving the missionaries away. A satisfactory adjustment of this matter with England and America has given our brethren more latitude than they have ever enjoyed. Their audiences are increasing and the marked declension in old national faiths makes this field the most attractive under discussion. Bro. McCullom and wife, a Howard boy and Judson girl, are stationed here. They report six baptisms and forty members.

The work in China has been imbedded somewhat by the national disturbances which have threatened the autonomy of the empire for a year. The plague in Canton was charged to the missionaries and a serious riot ensued. No southern missionary suffered bodily harm, and the prompt interference of this government and England restored quiet and secured a guarantee from the Emperor to the missionaries of protection. The work here is divided into three sections: Southern China, 10 missionaries and 21 native preachers. Central China, 15 missionaries. Northern China, 7 missionaries.

There are many more facts of interest which your Committee would like to call attention to, but the space allowed for this report is too short. The above facts, though only an outline, are sufficient, brethren, for us to thank God and take courage and go forward for a grand work for the Master in these benighted lands.

S. W. WELCH.
R. A. KIDD.

Committee on Bible and Colportage reported :

REPORT ON BIBLE AND COLPORTAGE.

There was a time when the common people were denied the Scriptures. The Roman Catholic clergy interdicted the reading of them by the people. It was a forbidden book. Since the Reformation and the Bible has gotten back into the hands of the people constant and persistent efforts have been made to give the widest possible circulation and the most thorough reading to the Scriptures.

It is a melancholy truth that while we have the Scriptures so many of our people are ignorant of so much that they contain. The idea of a free salvation and a free Bible so far from inducing our people to search the Scriptures, seems to have remanded to an oblivious unconcern as to what God has written for our instruction. The people who have the Bible do not read it. But we are not responsible for people's refusing to read. Our duty will be discharged when the Book is universally distributed, and to this end we offer the following:

Whereas, There are already many communities in our State clustering around the school-house, the saw-mill, the mines, the factory, which offer a field for the missionary colporteur; and

Whereas, The influx of immigrants which will follow returning prosperity will probably give us many more; and

Whereas, Many of them are situated in the bounds of bodies which are not strong enough to support a missionary unaided; and

Whereas, This Association around which cluster so many hallowed memories and which has such an enviable record, may well afford to lead off in this matter. Therefore,

Resolved, That we ask our State Board to consider the advisability of grouping associations together where necessary so as to send the colporteur into every nook and corner of our State to disseminate those principles which after ages of struggle have given to the world religious liberty.

THOMAS HENDERSON.

The reports were then laid on the table to be discussed in afternoon session.

The Annual Missionary Sermon was then preached by J. A. French, from Matt., 28:18-20; the concluding prayer being offered by R. J. C. Haile of the C. P. church. A copy of the sermon was requested for publication in the Alabama Baptist.

Collection taken for missions, \$13.51.

Recess taken till 2 p. m.

THURSDAY, 2 P. M.

Recess having expired the Association resumed labor. The public collection taken after missionary sermon ordered to be equally divided among State, Home and Foreign Missions and Bible and Colportage Board.

The reports on State, Home and Foreign Missions and Bible and Colportage Board taken from the table and discussed by: G. A. Joiner, Thomas Henderson, John W. Stewart, Jno. A. Butts, W. S. Henderson, Jno. C. Williams, C. S. Johnson, A. A. Hutto, J. G. Lowery, G. S. Ham, S. W. Averett, and the reports severally adopted.

Committee on Ministerial Education reported:

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

All ministers should be educated. With the helps before us there is no excuse for ignorance. It is true our Savior called ignorant men to be his disciples, the preachers of righteousness; but before he sent them out to preach his glorious gospel he thoroughly instructed them, for three years they sat at his feet and learned. All preachers need not be graduates—all run through the same machines. Some of our most useful and consecrated ministers have come from the humble walks of life with but little early training and with no college instruction and yet they were educated. They took the Bible as their text book and the Holy Spirit as their guide, and have been a power in our denomination. And we honor those humble men of God who have worked six days in the week for the privilege of preaching the glorious gospel of the blessed God on Sunday. Eternity can alone reveal the great good they have accomplished. "But we live in an age that is critical in its tasks, exacting in its demands," an age withal busied with a thousand things beside religion, and this brings us face to face with a work most difficult. How shall the ministers meet the demand of the times? He must have the grace of God in his heart, must be divinely called; he must have more, grace will not fill the head. Paul wrote to Timothy: "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth." High schools, colleges and seminaries are open to our young ministers and the church stands ready to send them, and every young minister should take the advantage of these opportunities and fully prepare himself for the great work for which God has called them. An educated pew demands an educated ministry. If we meet the demands of the times we must have an educated ministry. A literary course at the Howard, and a theological course at the Seminary, Louisville, Ky., will greatly aid a minister in simplifying the gospel and add to his usefulness.

We have nineteen young preachers helped in Howard College and six in the Seminary.

Respectfully submitted,

F. G. MULLEN.

Committee on Denominational Education reported:

REPORT ON DENOMINATIONAL EDUCATION.

No more important subject can command our attention than the subject of education, because in a general sense it takes in all we learn from the cradle to the grave.

Human society is linked together like a suspended chain and as each link lifts the link below it, so should the links in society lift the links below to a higher plane. How to lift the highest link higher is a question, but we can see how all the links below the highest can be lifted by the processes of education.

Educate a man, leaving his heart all wrong, and you have qualified him to lay the deepest schemes for vice and scoundrelism, but educate him in the lines of life lived by our blessed Savior along with his secular education and you have qualified him to make and he will make a great lift in society. But where can this be done? We answer in our denominational schools, male and female.

Submitted in love for the cause of denominational education.

J. D. DAVIS.

J. D. TRUSS.

The above reports were discussed by S. W. Averett, J. A. French, J. B. Graham, and the following pledges given for Ministerial Education:

PLEDGES FOR MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Munford	\$ 5 00	Forwarded	\$ 46 00
Refuge	2 50	Salem	5 00
Providence (J D Davis)	2 50	Blue Eye	2 50
Alpine	10 00	Talladega	25 00
Tallasahatchie	5 00	Mount Ida	1 00
Oak Grove	1 00	Mount Zion	10 00
Childersburg	5 00	G. S. Ham	5 00
Harpersville	5 00	Wilsonville	10 00
Coosa Valley	2 50	D. C. Davis	2 50
Seddon	2 50	Cropwell	5 00
L. A. Soc'y Childersburg	5 00	J. G. Dobbins	2 50
Forwarded	\$ 46 00	Total	\$114 50

The reports were then adopted.

The Committee on Nominations reported:

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

The Committee on Nominations respectfully recommends that we meet next year with Cropwell church, Wednesday before the 3d Sunday in September, at 10:30 o'clock A. M. And further, that the Introductory Sermon be preached by R. A. Kidd, with J. F. Watson as alternate, and the Missionary Sermon by T. K. Trotter, with A. A. Hutto as alternate.

J. A. FRENCH.
W. R. THOMPSON.
J. A. BUTTS.
Committee.

Report adopted.

Adjourn to 7:30 P. M.

THURSDAY, 7:30 P. M.

Association was called to order. Dovotional services conducted by the Moderator. Prayer by J. M. Solley. After remarks by the Moderator on decease of Bro. W. Wilkes, the Committee on Memorial reported:

REV. W. WILKES, D.D.

The Coosa River Association has many names enrolled upon its minutes of men distinguished for talents and attainments. Men of State-wide reputation have participated in its councils in other days, and have left the results of their labors within its borders. Back through the fifties and sixties and up into the seventies and eighties it was a strong body of men. But through all these years the steady hand of death has been taking them one by one until the Coosa River Association is composed of a younger generation. Our seniors are nearly all gone. Their seats are vacant here, but their

works do follow them. The works which they begun still go on in the fields where they have sown, in the churches they constituted and the religious enterprises they set on foot. Verily the pleasure of the Lord hath prospered in their hands. May we who have entered into their labors be in like manner blessed.

Bro. Wilkes was about the last one of those venerable men connected with this association through a period of thirty years, whose labors over Alabama have been attended with wide-spread results. It behooves us now that he is gone to place on record some expression of our estimate of his labors and our appreciation of his character and talents. We are not so much to deplore his loss—seeing that all must die—as we are to emulate his virtues, bury his faults and leave upon the minutes of this association a memorial of his worth. He has labored long and effectively among us and an expression of love, appreciation and approval is justly due to his memory. The Baptist cause has been put where it is by the earnest efforts and gospel preaching of such men as W. Wilkes. He was decided in his views and bold in maintaining the integrity of his convictions, ever ready to give a reason for the faith that was in him. His preaching was argumentative, incisive, convincing. His appeals to sinners were delivered with power. He was both a revivalist and a doctrinarian. In discussing doctrines he never became dry and common place, but ever maintained a force of language and brilliancy of thought that captivated all who heard him. His orthodoxy never sunk into dogmatism, nor his scholarship into pedantry. His powers of reasoning were clear and comprehensive. In debate he was fearless and able, a match for the strongest and best. Among the men of power in his day he stood the peer of any. As a theologian he was clear, as a scholar he was widely read, as a preacher he was keen and observing. His knowledge of human nature was striking and his discernment of character was accurate. In his preaching he addressed human nature as he understood it, and his thorough knowledge of men enabled him to preach with power and effect. With the gift with which God had endowed him he labored with success such as few ministers have achieved. Such as were converted under his preaching passed under the full force of all the doctrines of salvation by grace and so the work of his hands was established and has remained. He felt it his duty to cry aloud and spare not, and his denunciations of iniquity were often scathing. The hardest of sinners were moved, the subterfuges of iniquity were shaken, the unbelieving were alarmed.

A Baptist from principle Bro. Wilkes was true to the faith of our denomination. He was well posted in Baptist usages, well versed in Baptist doctrines. In his denomination he stood high, and with the worldly and unconverted he commanded respect and reverence. His social nature drew around him a circle of true friends who were ever faithful to him. As a companion he was instructive and in conversation was interesting, fluent and graphic. During his long life and in his personal contact with most of our leading men, he amassed a vast amount of information concerning his own day and time, and was one of the most entertaining of men. His recollections of his distinguished peers were clear and vivid. As one of the survivors of a generation of strong and learned men, he would often reproduce the scenes of long ago with graphic power. It was a treat to be with him and hear him talk of men and scenes long past. For one year he was Moderator of the Coosa

River Association. His preaching within the bounds of this association will long be remembered.

He was possessed with a taste for poetry and wrote verse with facility. His compositions possess decided poetic merit and evince the touch of true poetic genius. Beauty of diction and force of thought marked all his poetic compositions. He composed a number of hymns which have been often sung in divine service. They read like those of Watts or Wesley, earnest, pathetic and devotional. Such productions ought to be preserved in the hymnology of our day, as so many of the sacred songs of today are but trashy doggerel set to indifferent music. Two of the hymns composed by Bro Wilkes were sung at his funeral. His ministerial labors did not permit him to indulge much in his poetic taste, but what he did write was written well and it is to be regretted that he did not write more.

The following is from the Baptist Encyclopedia: "Rev. Washington Wilkes was born in Marlborough District, South Carolina, March 26, 1822. His parents settled in Barbour County, Alabama, when he was twelve years of age, where he was baptized in 1845 by Rev. Peter Eldridge, ordained in 1847, entered Howard College in 1848, where he graduated in 1851. For seventeen years after leaving college his field of ministerial labor was in Autauga county, where he was mainly instrumental in the formation of the Unity Association and its strongest churches. Since that time he has resided in Talladega County where he has been pastor of some of the best churches." The presbytery by which he was ordained consisted of Rev. J. Davis, Samuel Henderson, A. N. Worthy, W. H. Parker and J. R. Hand.

Bro. Wilkes departed this life at Cullman, November 23d, 1894, where he had gone upon a preaching mission. Like the worthies of old he died with the harness on. His remains were buried at Syllacauga on Sunday the 25th day of November following.

THOS. HENDERSON,
C. S. JOHNSON,
W. H. MALONE,
E. HORN.

Discussed by Thos. Henderson, Jno. A. Butts, W. S. Henderson, D. B. Oden, J. M. Solley, Jno. C. Williams, Eli Horn. Report adopted and ordered published in the Alabama Baptist.

Committee on Orphanage reported:

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

No class of our citizens should more strongly appeal to Christian benevolence and beneficence than the helpless, homeless orphan. No more pitiful object can be presented to our view than that of a little boy or girl who has been bereft of both parents, and who is indeed and in truth a waif in the world without home, without relatives or friends who are able or disposed to offer the little one a home and that protection and guidance which he or she so imperatively requires in order to make an honorable and useful member of society.

The Baptists of Alabama, at last realizing their duty towards these little ones, have established and have in successful operation

a Home for them at Evergreen. Your Committee deem it a privilege to present this just cause first to the Coosa River Baptist Association. The wisdom of Solomon has told us: "The righteous considereth the cause of the poor." We therefore confidently press upon this band of Christian workers the duty of liberally sustaining with their means this grand undertaking.

From a circular issued by Rev. John W. Stewart, Financial Secretary of the Orphanage, we glean the following facts:

"THE LOUISE SHORT BAPTIST WIDOWS' AN ORPHANS' HOME OF ALABAMA.

"Our Orphanage is now permanently located at Evergreen. The first steps toward its establishment were taken by Mrs. Woodson, when five years ago she gave to the Baptists of Alabama certain valuable property for the maintenance of a Baptist Widows' and Orphans' Home. This good sister has turned over to us all of her real estate, worth several thousand dollars, to be used after her death for this great purpose, except the Florida property, which she has given for immediate use.

"The home was not actually started, however, till two years ago, when in a small rented house it was opened, on the 10th day of March, with three inmates.

"We have received into the Home 48 children, of whom 23 are girls and 25 are boys, and have sent out by adoption 10, and 1 by apprenticeship.

"The boys are taught to do farm work, and the girls do various kinds of house work.

"The older children attend school at the Academy, and the younger ones are taught in the Home. They attend Sunday-school and church, and Sunday afternoon they engage in singing and reciting Scripture. Nine of the children have been baptized. These have organized a child's prayer meeting, in which they themselves lead.

"In November, 1893, to make room for our large and growing family, a permanent home was purchased consisting of the Y. M. Rabb place, eighty acres of land lying on Main street, with a substantial brick residence with ten rooms. Money is greatly needed to improve this property so as to add four more dormitories, a dining room and kitchen, and a school room. The property was bought for \$5,000, to be paid in three annual installments, with interest on the deferred payments. The first was paid when due. The second, amounting to about \$1,800, was due January 1, 1895, on which a balance of \$273 is still due.

"The third and last payment, amounting to about \$1,930, will be due January 1, 1896.

"I want every Baptist church, every friend of the Home, and every one who wishes these poor children well, to send something to aid in making this last payment.

"The current expenses of the Home are about \$200 per month."

It will be seen from the above that there is a debt of about \$2000 resting upon the Orphanage and a monthly maintenance account of about \$200. We therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the pastors of the different churches of this Association are respectfully requested and urged to present the claims of the Orphanage at Evergreen, as early as practicable, and that

whatever amount is collected the same to be forwarded at once to Rev. John W. Stewart, Financial Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

ELI HORN,
G. A. JOINER,
W. R. THOMPSON.

The Association was addressed by J. W. Stewart, Supt. of Orphans' Home, and a collection taken of \$9.67. Pledges given:

PLEDGES FOR ORPHANS' HOME.

		Forwarded		
J. D. Davis	- - -	\$ 5 00		\$ 42 50
J. L. Wilkes	- - -	5 00	J. F. McGraw	- - - 2 50
J. A. Collins	- - -	1 00	Miss Emma Keith	- - - 2 50
Mrs. S. Fluker	- - -	5 00	J. J. Tant	- - - 1 00
W. M. Hall	- - -	1 00	F. G. Mullen	- - - 1 00
S. W. Welch	- - -	5 00	J. F. Pope	- - - 5 00
W. R. Davis	- - -	1 00	W. R. Thompson	- - - 2 00
J. D. Truss	- - -	2 50	J. B. Kilpatrick	- - - 2 00
I. W. Oden	- - -	5 00	Wallace Boaz	- - - 5 00
W. E. Justice	- - -	1 00	J. J. Elliott	- - - 5 00
Carter Simmons	- - -	1 00	Mrs. Seabrook	- - - 1 00
Wm. Wolfe	- - -	1 00	Miss Lockie Baker	- - - 1 00
Harry Phillips	- - -	1 00	Mrs. M. Ricks	- - - 1 00
J. A. Butts	- - -	1 00	J. G. Dobbins	- - - 2 50
L. A. Ward	- - -	1 00	A. Hudgins	- - - 1 00
A. A. Hutto	- - -	1 00	M. H. Hansard	- - - 2 50
M. J. Cliett	- - -	5 00		
Forwarded	- - -	\$ 42 50	Total	- - - \$77 50

Report adopted.

Adjourned to 8:30 A. M., Friday.

FRIDAY, September 13, 8:30 A. M.

The Association was called to order. Devotional exercises conducted by Moderator; Prayer by F. G. Mullen.

There being no report of Committee on Evangelization of Colored People, J. P. Barton, President of Colored Baptist State Convention, was requested to address the body in the interest of his race, which he did in timely, instructive and forcible remarks on the condition and needs of his people.

In lieu of report J. A. French offered the following:

EVANGELIZATION OF COLORED PEOPLE.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Association that we should do what we can for the moral and spiritual uplifting of the colored

people of our State, and we heartily approve the joint action of the Home Mission Board and our State Mission Board in the employment of Rev. W. H. McAlpine to hold institutes among the colored people, and we hope that the day may soon come when this work may be enlarged.

Adopted.

Committee on Pro Rating reported:

REPORT OF PRO RATING COMMITTEE.

The State Board of Missions having asked us to raise the sum of sixteen hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$1625) for the various causes fostered by this Association, your Committee after diligent enquiry as to the financial ability of the churches, ask that they give respectfully the following amounts:

Antioch	\$ 20 00	Forwarded	\$725 00
Blue Eye	25 00	Alpine	45 00
Childersburg	30 00	Cartersville	15 00
Cropwell	30 00	Coosa Valley	25 00
Fort Williams	30 00	Dry Valley	10 00
Harpersville	40 00	Hepzibah	20 00
Ironaton	15 00	Eureka	10 00
Mount Ida	15 00	Lincoln	25 00
Mount Sharon	15 00	Mount Zion	40 00
Munford	25 00	Macedonia	20 00
Oak Grove	10 00	New Hope	5 00
Pleasant Grove	30 00	Providence (Tal)	15 00
Rocky Mount	10 00	Providence (Shelby)	10 00
Refuge	20 00	Renfroe	20 00
Sycamore	45 00	Riverside	10 00
Spring Creek	25 00	Salem	15 00
Talladega	300 00	Seddon	15 00
Wilsonville	40 00	Tallasahatchie	15 00
Forwarded	\$725 00	Total	\$1100.

Respectfully submitted,
J. D. TRUSS,
K. J. THOMAS,
G. S. HAM.

Discussed by G. A. Joiner. Adopted.

Treasurer of Indigent Ministers' Fund reported:
REPORT OF TREASURER OF INDIGENT MINISTERS' FUND.

RECEIPTS.			
1894.			
Oct.	18.	To balance cash on hand	\$403 39
Oct.	22.	To cash from E. M. Miller, interest on note	19 20
Oct.	25.	To cash from J. B. Mynatt, interest on note	12 00
Oct.	18.	To cash from Oak Grove Church	2 00
Nov.	1.	To cash from F. G. Mullen, interest on note	10 00
1895.			
Jan.	1.	To cash from Kyser, Powe & Co., interest on note	13 20
April	3.	To cash from J. F. Bledsoe, president of B. Y. P. U., on parsonage note	10 00
April	10.	To cash from Ladies Social Union on parsonage note	100 00
Sept.	1.	To cash from Stringer & Jackson, on note paid by Kyser, Powe & Co.	200 00
			-\$769 79

DISBURSEMENTS.			
1894			
Nov.	7.	By amount paid Rev. J. R. Steely, do- nation	25 00
Dec.	22.	By amount paid Stringer & Jackson, loaned them	350 00
1895.			
Mch.	9.	By amount paid S. P. Burns, loaned him	200 00
Mch.	9.	By amount paid Rev. J. R. Steely, do- nation	25 00
Mch.	9.	By balance cash on hand	169 79
			-\$769 79

APPROXIMATE STATEMENT OF RESOURCES I. M. FUND THIS DATE.		
Note of J. B. Mynatt and interest		\$ 168 40
Note of James Embry and interest		122 00
Note of estate of N. S. McAfee and interest		1129 57
Note of Talladega Baptist Church and interest		1455 00
Note of Smith, Bell, Burns and others and interest		208 07
Note of E. M. Miller and interest		429 00
Note of F. G. Mullen and interest		322 80
Note of S. P. Burns and interest		206 65
Note of Stringer & Jackson		160 10
Balance cash on hand		169 79
Total		\$4371 88

September 11, 1895. J. A. Powe, Treasurer.

Discussed by G. A. Joiner. Adopted.

Executive Committee reported:

REPORT OF CHAIRMAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

G. A. Joiner, Chairman Executive Committee in account with Coosa River Baptist Association.

	1894.
Oct. 15. To cash on hand	\$60 90
	CR.
Oct. 20. By amount paid for printing minutes, by order Association	\$30 00
Sept. 13. To cash on hand	30 90—\$60 90

Adopted.

Standing Committees announced by Moderator:

STANDING COMMITTEES.

PERIODICALS AND LITERATURE—W. S. Henderson, Jno. C. Williams,
W. M. Hall.

TEMPERANCE—C. S. Johnson, J. A. Collins, E. A. Aderholdt.

SABBATH SCHOOLS—R. A. Kidd, J. L. Wilkes, M. H. Hansard.

STATE MISSIONS—J. B. Graham, Lealis Law, B. F. Brothers.

HOME MISSIONS—A. A. Hutto, Eli Horn, M. Nelson.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—J. F. Watson, S. A. Austin, C. M. Elliott.

BIBLE AND COLPORTAGE—G. S. Ham, J. A. Woodward, W. R. Thompson.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION—S. W. Welch, J. W. McCain, J. M. Solley.

DENOMINATIONAL EDUCATION—D. B. Oden, G. A. Joiner, W. C. Verrell.

EVANGELIZATION OF COLORED PEOPLE—J. H. Pope, J. A. Butts, F. G. Mullen.

WOMAN'S WORK—Leopold Merkl, H. G. Darby, J. A. Woodward.

ORPHANAGE—J. A. French, K. J. Thomas, J. D. Truss.

In absence of Report on Woman's Work, J. B. Graham offered the following:

WOMAN'S WORK.

Resolved, That this Association express its sincere approval and appreciation of the great work that is being done in some of our churches through the agency of the women's societies of various names, that we commend these as worthy examples to such churches as have not these societies and recommend that as far as practicable a Woman's Missionary Society be organized in each church and that this society devote itself to all of the work fostered by our State Convention.

J. B. GRAHAM.

Discussed by J. B. Graham, S. W. Welch. Adopted.

The Executive Committee was continued as it stands.
Also same Board of Indigent Ministers' Fund retained.

Resolved, That any member of this Association who may attend the sittings of sister Associations be authorized to represent this body as a Correspondent.

Elected Messengers to Alabama State Convention: J. M. Solley, J. B. Graham, W. S. Henderson, Lealis Law, J. F. Watson, S. W. Welch, J. D. Davis, A. A. Hutto, and Thos. Henderson, (by request of the Association.)

Elected delegates to Southern Baptist Convention: Jno. C. Williams, principal; Thos. Henderson, alternate.

Committee on Finance reported:

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE, 1895.

CHURCHES.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Bible and Colportage.	Minutes.	Total.
Antioch	\$ 1 10	\$ 3 50	\$ 4 92			\$ 1 00	\$ 2 10
Alpine	3 50	3 50				1 50	13 42
Blue Eye	1 50	1 50	2 45			1 50	6 95
Cartersville	2 00	2 00				1 50	5 50
Childersburg						1 00	1 00
Coosa Valley				2 60		1 50	4 10
Cropwell						1 00	1 00
Dry Valley						50	3 15
Eureka	1 00	65	1 00			1 00	9 50
Fort Williams	2 50		6 00			1 50	3 10
Hepzibah		1 00	60			1 50	21 50
Harpersville			15 00	5 00		1 50	
Ironaton							9 50
Lincoln	2 50		2 50	3 50		1 00	2 00
Mt. Ida		50		50		1 00	
Mt. Zion	2 00		3 05	15 00		1 75	21 80
Mt. Sharon						1 00	1 00
Macedonia	4 75					1 00	5 75
Munford	1 57	1 57	1 57			1 00	2 50
New Hope	1 50					1 50	1 50
Oak Grove						1 00	3 89
Providience (Tal.)		2 50	39			1 25	5 25
Pleasant Grove	2 00	1 00	1 00				
Provid'nce(Sh'b'y)				1 40		1 25	2 65
Rocky Mount							
Renfroe							
Refuge	1 50	2 00	1 50			1 40	6 40
Riverside	1 25	2 00	2 00	1 00		1 00	7 25
Sycamore						1 51	1 51
Salem	3 50	1 50	1 46			1 50	7 96
Spring Creek						1 50	1 50
Seddon						1 50	1 50
Talladega						1 00	1 00
Tallasahatchie						1 00	1 00
Winterboro						1 25	4 25
Wilsonville							
Public Collection	3 37	3 38	3 38		3 38	...	13 51
Totals	\$36 04	\$22 60	\$51 72	\$27 10	\$3 38	\$39 76	\$180 60

Exchange on check, 15 cents.

Received from Finance Committee \$180.60.

J. F. POPE, Treasurer.

September 12, 1895.

J. B. Graham offered the following:

Resolved, That \$30.00 be appropriated from the funds in the hands of the Executive Committee as a supplement to the minute fund, that the Clerk be allowed \$20.00 for his services, and instructed to have 750 copies of the minutes printed and distributed among churches according to their respective contributions.

Respectfully submitted,
J. B. GRAHAM.

Adopted.

Resolution of thanks offered:

Resolved, That our sincere thanks be tendered to the citizens of Childersburg for their unbondded hospitality and Christian welcome during our pleasant stay among them. And to the officers of this body for their faithful discharge of duty.

J. B. GRAHAM.

Adopted.

The ex-Treasurer (J. A. Powe) of Association reported:

REPORT OF TREASURER COOSA RIVER ASSOCIATION.

RECEIPTS.

1894		
Oct. 18.	To amount from Finance Committee, paid by J. D. Truss and L. A. Dan- iel	\$260 00
	(Not, \$256.65 as per last minute.)	

DISBURSEMENTS.

1894.		
Oct. 19.	By am't paid Lealis Law, Clerk	\$20 00
Oct. 23.	By am't paid W. B. Crumpton for home missions	54 58
	By am't paid W. B. Crumpton for for- eign missions	75 85
	By am't paid W. B. Crumpton for State mission	43 19
	By am't paid W. B. Crumpton for Bible and colportage	6 23
	By am't paid W. B. Crumpton for or- phanage	5 71
	By am't paid I. M. Fund (from Oak Grove church,	2 00
Dec. 19.	By am't paid J. C. Williams for print- ing and distributing minutes	50 00
	By balance on hand	2 44—\$260 00
Sep 10, 1895.		

J. A. Powe, Treasurer.

Adopted.

The Finance Committee was abolished and in lieu there-
of the following plan was adopted: Cash sent by the
churches to the Association to be handed to the Clerk with

the letters, and by him to the Treasurer, or Treasurer problem, at the Clerk's table, with specification of the different purposes for which said money was contributed.

A committee of three, consisting of S. W. Welch, G. A. Joiner and Jno. C. Williams, was appointed to enquire into the expediency of compiling a history of the Coosa River Association, and in the event that said committee deem it expedient and feasible, that they request Elder E. B. Teague of the Shelby Association to be the historian.

With appropriate concluding remarks by the Moderator, with parting hand, and with prayer by Abner Williams, the body was declared adjourned sine die.

THOS. HENDERSON, MODERATOR.

LEALIS LAW, CLERK.

STATISTICS OF COOSA RIVER ASSOCIATION, 1895.

CHURCH.	COUNTY.	PASTOR.	CLERK.	CLERK'S P. O.	Membership last Reported.	INCREASE BY			DECREASE BY			SUNDAY SCHOOL.			Preaching Sab's.	Reports Prayer Meeting.	Reports Revival.		
						Baptism.	Letter.	Experience.	Restoration.	Letter.	Exclusion.	Excuse.	Death.	Officers and Teachers.	Pupils.	SUPT. NAME AND P. O. ADDRESS.			
Antioch	Talladega	F. G. Mullen	G. W. Manning	McAding	92	3	3	2	3	1	16	2	75	4	60	James McClerkin, Oxford	1	Yes	
Alpine	Talladega	J. F. Watson	W. R. Thompson	Alpine	75	9	6	4	4	1	2	2	86	5	35	W. A. Welch, Alpine	2-4	Yes	
Blue Eye	Talladega	F. G. Mullen	M. D. Beavers	Lincoln	100	1	4	2	1	1	1	1	94	10	117	J. E. Goodwin, Kymulga	3	Yes	
Cartersville	Talladega	Thomas Henderson	F. B. Lanier	Kymulga	74	1	4	2	4	1	1	1	74	40	40	J. C. Walker, Easonville	4	Yes	
Coosa Valley	Talladega	B. F. Nunnelly	J. C. Walker	Easonville	152	10	6	3	3	1	1	1	156	7	45	Lealis Law, Cropwell	1	Yes	
Cropwell	Talladega	B. F. Giles	Leslie Law	Cropwell	39	2	2	2	7	4	1	1	34	7	55	D. B. Oden, Childersburg	2	Yes	
Childersburg	Talladega	Thomas Henderson	M. J. Chen	Childersburg	91	8	2	1	12	1	1	1	79	27	40	L. A. Daniel, Fayetteville	2	Yes	
Dry Valley	Talladega	W. C. Verrell	G. W. Clements	Lincoln	83	8	3	3	1	4	4	1	84	5	40	B. L. Thomason, Renfroe	4	Yes	
Eureka	Talladega	Daniel Johnson	M. Elvson	Eureka	27	1	4	2	3	1	1	1	27	1	1	J. F. Parker, Harpersville	3	Yes	
Fort Williams	Talladega	Thomas Henderson	L. A. Daniel	Fayetteville	103	11	4	12	1	8	2	1	93	7	55		3	Yes	
Hepzibah	Talladega	T. K. Trotter	J. M. Burks	Pine View	153	4	8	7	7	2	2	2	103	7	55		3	Yes	
Harpersville	Shelby	B. F. Giles	John Russell	Harpersville	100	4	8	7	7	1	1	1	85	85*	7	76	E. D. Acker, Lincoln	4	Yes
Ironbound	Talladega	J. A. Scott	E. D. Acker	Lincoln	78	2	3	1	7	1	1	1	75	7	76		3	Yes	
Lincoln	Talladega	J. M. Solley	E. L. Solley	Berneys	48	3	1	1	4	2	2	1	66	2	2	G. S. Ham, Sylacauga	2	Yes	
Mt. Ida	Talladega	C. S. Johnson	H. G. Darby	Sylacauga	142	5	8	8	2	2	2	2	135	No report	5	45	J. A. Hardin, Fayetteville	1	Yes
Mt. Zion	Talladega	R. A. Kidd	H. J. Coleman	Fayetteville	82	18	4	8	8	2	2	2	94	5	45		4	Yes	
Mt. Sharon	Talladega	R. A. Kidd	J. J. Burks	Vincent	48	7	2	1	1	1	1	1	56	1	2		2	Yes	
Macedonia	Talladega	F. G. Mullen	B. W. Mattison	Silver Run	82	4	1	5	4	4	5	5	73	1	1		1	Yes	
Munford	Talladega	J. A. Butts	A. J. Worthy	Childersburg	52	4	8	20	20	1	1	1	64	1	1		1	Yes	
New Hope	Talladega	E. M. Moore	W. A. Vardaman	Sylacauga	91	2	2	20	20	1	1	1	73	1	1		3	Yes	
Oak Grove	Talladega	J. H. Pope	R. F. Brown	Talladega	45	3	1	1	14	2	1	1	49	4	30	J. F. Brown, Talladega	3	Yes	
Providence	Talladega	T. K. Trotter	P. G. Williams	Creswell	100	3	2	1	14	2	1	1	89	1	1		3	Yes	
Pleasant Grove	Shelby		T. L. Bates	Talladega	78	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	73*	1	1		3	Yes	
Providence	Talladega		H. F. Brown	Renfroe	20								20*	1	1		1	Yes	
Renfroe	Talladega	F. G. Mullen	J. W. Hackney	Lincoln	106	10	13	1	12	5	3	3	110	6	50	A. H. Griffin, Bruner	3	Yes	
Riverside	St. Clair	W. F. McCain	T. J. Watson	Riverside	38	5	9	1	5	5	1	1	48	8	53	J. O. Butler, Riverside	3	Yes	
Rocky Mount	Talladega	J. M. Solley	T. B. Owings	Bledsoe	62	2	1	2	2	1	1	1	61	1	2		2	Yes	
Sycamore	Talladega	E. M. Moore	M. T. Morris	Sycamore	36	23	11	1	4	2	1	1	65	7	78	R. J. Sims, Sycamore	3	Yes	
Salem	Talladega	A. A. Hutto	T. W. Ogletree	Eastaboga	109	6	2	3	8	2	1	1	110	6	40	R. A. Kidd, Vincent	2	Yes	
Spring Creek	Shelby	R. A. Kidd	T. C. Elliott	Vincent	76	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	80	6	40	J. D. Truss, Seddon	3	Yes	
Seddon	St. Clair		T. J. Kilgore	Seddon	81	1	4	19	19	2	2	2	63	4	40	J. W. Bishop, Talladega	1	Yes	
Talladega	Talladega	J. A. French	W. T. Billue	Talladega	320	11	20	1	3	3	3	3	908	9	213	J. W. Bishop, Talladega	4	Yes	
Tallasatchie	Talladega	J. M. Solley	J. C. McMillan	Sycamore	70	2	3	2	2	2	2	1	71	1	2		2	Yes	
Winterboro	Talladega	J. G. Lowery	I. W. Rhodes	Alpine	92	7	5	6	6	1	1	1	97	4	25	E. A. McGuire, Alpine	2-4	Yes	
Wilsonville	Shelby	J. M. McCord	A. G. Weldon	Wilsonville	68	5	5	7	1	1	1	1	69	6	41	J. F. Pope, Wilsonville	2-4	Yes	
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*Supposed.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF COOSA RIVER ASSOCIATION, 1895.

CHURCHES.	State Missions.		Home Missions.		Foreign Missions		Indigent Ministers.		Bible and Colportage.		Ministerial Education.		Minutes.		Assn. Purposes.		SUNDAY SCHOOL.		WOMEN'S SOCIETY. P.		Orphans' Home.		Young People's Work. P.		Total.		Pastor's Salary.		Repairs, Fuel, the Poor, etc.		Value of Buildings and Furniture.		REMARKS.
Antioch	\$ 4 92	\$ 1 10																															
Al.ine	\$ 2 45	\$ 1 50																															
Blue Eye	\$ 2 66	\$ 2 00																															
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Coosa Valley																																	
Crowell	\$ 3 66	\$ 2 67																															
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Dr. Valley																																	
Emeka																																	
Fox Williams	\$ 8 80	\$ 2 50																															
Hepzibah	\$ 60																																
Harpersville	\$ 15 00																																
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Mt. Ida	\$ 20 50	\$ 50																															
Mt. Zion	\$ 8 33	\$ 14 19																															
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Mu. ford	\$ 1 57	\$ 1 57																															
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Ne. Hope	\$ 1 50																																
Os. Grove																																	
Providence (Tallia. Co.)	\$ 39																																
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Rosy Mount	\$ 1 40																																
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Ridge	\$ 1 50	\$ 1 50																															
Riv. side	\$ 2 00	\$ 1 00																															
Sycamore	\$ 5 55																																
Salem	\$ 3 83	\$ 3 50																															
Spring Creek																																	
Sedon																																	
Tall dega	\$ 68 81	\$ 78 74																															
Tan. sahatchie																																	
Winerboro	\$ 2 40																																
Wilsonville	\$ 15 14	\$ 5 25																															
Public Collection	\$ 3 38	\$ 3 37																															
	\$ 176 39	\$ 132 14																															
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	\$ 10 60	\$ 10 61																															
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The amounts contributed by Women's Societies and Young People are included elsewhere under proper headings.

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CHURCHES.

State Missions.

Antioch	\$ 4.92
Alpine	2.45
Blue Eye	2.66
Cartersville	3.66
Coosa Valley	3.66
Cropwell	1.00
Childersburg	8.80
Dry Valley	.60
Eureka	15.00
Fort Williams	1.57
Hepzibah	20.50
Harpersville	8.33
Ironaton	1.57
Lincoln	1.57
Mt. Ida	1.57
Mt. Zion	1.57
Mt. Sharon	1.57
Munford	1.57
Macedonia	1.57
New Hope	1.57
Oak Grove	1.57
Providence (Talla. Co.)	.39
Pleasant Grove	1.57
Providence (Shelby Co.)	1.57
Rocky Mount	1.57
Renfroe	1.57
Refuge	1.57
Riverside	2.00
Sycamore	5.55
Salem	3.88
Spring Creek	68.81
Seddon	2.40
Talladega	15.14
Tallasahatchie	3.88
Winterboro	5.18
Wilsonville	5.60
Public Collection	5.18
	176.39
	40

* The amounts contributed by Women's

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E. B. COOPER.

FINANCIAL DIRECTORY.

Divisions for the several denominations and departments of work for
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Baptist Education to J. A. Jones, Tullahoma, Ala.
Baptist Colleges to H. E. Jones, East Lake, Ala.
Baptist Missions to G. A. Jones, Tullahoma, Ala.
Baptist Missions to W. B. Graham, Montgomery, Ala.
Baptist Missions to John G. Harris, Montgomery, Ala.
Bible and Colportage Work to J. B. Cooper, Gadsden, Ala.
Other Missions and Foreign Missions, and other purposes not
named above, to W. B. Cooper, Marion, Ala.
Baptist Hospital to Stewart, Birmingham, Ala.